(c) and (d) Control Rooms have been set up in the Ministry of Food, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi and in FCI Headquarters, New Delhi, to monitor implementation of the price support scheme for Rabi foodgrains under which Food Corporation of India and the associated State procuring agencies are meant to procure foodgrains conforming to Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at the stipulated support price/procurement price as the case may be. Complaints of alleged sale of rabi foodgrains below the minimum support price (MSP) or otherwise are received in these Control Rooms and the concerned State Governments/procuring agencies are advised te take immediate remedial action.

Most of the complaints received in the Control Room so far relate to the alleged sale of foodgrains below the minimum support price. All complaints are taken up with the concerned State Governments/ Union Territories and remedial actions taken. No distress sale of wheat conforming to the prescribed specification has been reported so far.

Quantum of Food Reserve

2087. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of food reserve in the country;

(b) the emergency food aid that will be needed this year owing to drought and severe shortages in different parts of the country; and

(c) the areas that have been most severely affected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The total stocks of foodgrains held by the Public agencies in the country including State Governments as on 1-4-1993 were as under :—

(In Million Tonnes)
(Provisional)

Rice	11.04
Wheat	2.98
Coarsegrains	0.67
TOTAL	14.69

This does not include the stocks that may be held by the farmers/traders etc. themselves all over the country.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Maharashtra have reported about prevailing drought conditions in some parts of their States. The responsibility for execution of relief operations in the wake of natural calamities primarily rests with the State Governments concerned. Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by extending assistance both physical and financial, in accordance with a scheme for financing relief expenditure. Under the existing scheme, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been set up for each State with 75 per cent contribution from the Central Government and 25 per cent contribution from the concerned State Governments. However, as and when required, special allocation of foodgrains are made to meet the additional requirements in the Public Distribution System. Government of Bihar has requested for additional allocation of 10,000 MTs of wheat per month till October, 1993. Allotment of additional foodgrains to Bihar is being considered every month since October, 1992 and upto June, 1993, a total quantity of 70,000 MTs of wheat and 10,000 MTs of rice has been allotted to Bihar to that effect. For meeting such additional demands during 1993-94, a quantinty of one lakh MTs of wheat has been earmarked and similarly a quantity of 1.50 lakh MTs of rice has also been earmarked for the rice year endings September, 1993.